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Abstract

A device has an electrical load and a cavity for receiving a temperature-dependent switching mechanism in order to protect the load from overtemperature and/or overcurrent. In the cavity there is a first countercontact for the switching mechanism which is electrically connected to the load, and a second countercontact which is electrically connected to an external terminal for supplying electricity to the load. The cavity is configured for receiving a housingless switching mechanism that, below its response temperature, is in direct contact with the two countercontacts.

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